

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by
5 changing Section 12-10.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-10.1)

7 Sec. 12-10.1. Piercing the body of a minor.

8 (a)(1) Any person who pierces the body of a person under
9 18 years of age without written consent of a parent or
10 legal guardian of that person commits the offense of
11 piercing the body of a minor.

12 (2) Sentence. Piercing the body of a minor is a
13 Class A C misdemeanor.

14 (b) Definition. As used in this Section, to "pierce"
15 means to make a hole in the body in order to insert or allow
16 the insertion of any ring, hoop, stud, or other object for
17 the purpose of ornamentation of the body.

18 (c) Exceptions. This Section may not be construed in
19 any way to prohibit any injection, incision, acupuncture, or
20 similar medical or dental procedure performed by a licensed
21 health care professional or other person authorized to
22 perform that procedure. This Section does not prohibit ear
23 piercing. This Section does not apply to a minor emancipated
24 under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or the Emancipation of
25 Mature Minors Act or by marriage.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-412, eff. 9-5-99.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law.